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A copy of the European Search Report from applicant's corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,629,834 (Pagano). The European Search Report cited column 3, lines 34 to 54, and Figures 1 to 4 of Pagano as being relevant. The European Search Report cited Pagano as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X) to Claims 1 and 3 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Pagano as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) to Claims 2 and 4 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Pagano as being technological background (Category A) to Claim 6 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,066,404 (Suzuura et al.). The European Search Report cited Figures 1 to 3, 9 and 25 of Suzuura et al. as being

relevant. The European Search Report cited Suuura et al. as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) to Claim 2 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Suuura et al. as being technological background (Category A) to Claims 1, 5 and 6 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of French Published Patent Application No. 2,667,846 (French '846). The European Search Report cited Figures 1 and 2 of French '846 as being relevant. The European Search Report cited French '846 as being particularly pertinent when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) to Claim 4 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited French '846 as being technological background (Category A) to Claim 1 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,298,104 (Asher). The European Search Report cited all of Asher as being relevant. The European Search Report cited Asher as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X) to Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Asher as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) to Claim 8 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Asher as being technological background (Category A) to Claim 4 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0182359 (Muir et al.). The European Search Report cited Figures 1 to 5 of Muir et al. as being relevant. The European Search Report cited Muir et al. as being particularly relevant when combined with another reference in the same category (Category Y) to Claim 8 of applicant's corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited Muir et al. as being technological background (Category A) to Claims 1 and 5 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,691,015 (Tsukamoto et al.). The European Search Report cited Tsukamoto et al. as being technological background (Category A), cited sentences 51 to 64 [perhaps column 3, lines 51 to 64, was meant], cited Example 3 and Figures 1 to 3 of Tsukamoto et al. as being relevant, and cited Tsukamoto et al. as being relevant of Claims 1, 4 and 7 of applicant's corresponding European patent application.

A reference list of the above-mentioned references is enclosed.

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